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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF ALLIES ABOUT "INTERAGENCY
STUDY" ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

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1. AUGUST 3 "INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE" CARRIED
WALTER PINCUS "WASHINGTON POST" ARTICLE ON CONGRESSIONAL
BACKING FOR LONG-RANGE, EUROPEAN-THEATER, MOBILE
BALLISTIC-MISSILE AND REFERS TO ADMINISTRATION
SOURCE COMMENT THAT AN "INTERAGENCY STUDY"
ON SUCH WEAPONS IS UNDERWAY. MOREOVER, MISSION
OFFICER WAS TOLD RECENTLY BY FRG PRIVATE
THINC-TANK DIRECTOR THAT HE UNDERSTOOD US WAS PREPARING
PRM ON GRAY AREA SYSTEMS.

2. WE ANTICIPATE BEING ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF
PINCUS REPORT. FURTHERMORE, AS WE HAVE NOTED,
ALLIES ARE BECOMING CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE BEEN
RESPONDING RATHER SLOWLY RECENTLY ON NPG ISSUES.

3. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED
TO CONFIRM TO PERM REPS AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE
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OPPORTUNITY, THAT US IS STUDYING BROAD TNF ISSUES
AND TO INDICATE THAT WE MAY HOLD OFF PROVIDING OUR
VIEWS ON SOME RELATED ASPECTS OF THESE ISSUES UNTIL
THE STUDY IS COMPLETED. AN INDICATION OF WHEN WE
ANTICIPATE COMPLETION OF THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY
ALSO BE WELCOMED. GLITMAN

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